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Jane Parks

Campaign Finance Analyst

Reports Analysis Division

Federal Election Commission

Washington D.C. 20463

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Identification Number: C00085910

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Reference: Amended March Monthly Report (2/01/03 - 2/28/03), submitted 5/20/03

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Dear Ms. Parks:

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Thank you for your letter dated September 10, 2003 requesting itemized information regarding a contribution in the amount of \$3,000 noted in FERT PAC's March and June Monthly reports.

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The contribution referenced in your letter was made payable to The Fertilizer Institute (TFI) by one of our trade association members, Norsk Hydro Americas, Inc., and was intended by Norsk Hydro America, Inc. to help TFI defray the administrative expenses of operating TFI's political action committee FERT PAC (Identification Number: C00085910).

Inadvertently, this check was deposited in the FERT PAC account on February 13, 2003 rather than into TFI's general administration fund.

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TFI is fully aware that contributions from corporations are prohibited by law to be made apart of the FERT PAC fund.

On about May 16, 2003 TFI became aware that it had erroneously deposited the Norsk Hydro America, Inc. check into the FERT PAC account.

TFI then transferred the \$3,000 in question to TFI's administration fund as originally intended by its contributor.

FERT PAC filed an amended March, 2003 monthly report on May 20, 2003 to disclose as a contribution the \$3,000 that was inadvertently deposited in the FERT PAC account on February 13, 2003.

As noted in your letter, FERT PAC fully accounted for the transfer of the \$3,000 from FERT PAC to the originally intended TFI's administration fund by reporting a refund by FERT PAC to Norsk Hydro America, Inc. on line 28 (a) of FERT PAC's June monthly report.

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If you need any additional information regarding this important matter, please do not hesitate to contact FERT PAC Treasurer Everett Zillinger at (202) 515-2705 or FERT PAC legal counsel C. Randall Nuckolls at (202)496-7176.

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Sincerely yours,

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Everett Zillinger

Treasurer

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(PS: Chris Morris of FEC advised me to submit this information electronically as you see it here.) 7

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